I. Developing an IndividualizedHousing Plan



- Department of Mental Health's 6th Annual Housing Training Institute
- Wednesday, June 12, 2013 1:30PM
- Mojave Room
- Presenter, Carmen Hill, MBA, President,
 CitiHousing Real Estate Services



Assisting your clients in securing affordable housing

ASSESSMENT OF THE BARRIERS

- Prior evictions/poor credit history
 - [www.annualcreditreport.com]
- Criminal background/police reports
 - [www.lasuperiorcourt.org]
- Drug/substance abuse
- Insufficient income
- Lack of life skills
- Lack of motivation/hope

Consumer's Housing Goals

- Develop an individualized plan
- Identify the housing options
- Identify housing resources
- Tenant to sign contract to commit to steps to achieve goals

Life skills needed for housing/ Needs Assessment

- Money Management
- Housekeeping
- Interpersonal
- Leisure-time management
- Substance abuse/sobriety
- Parenting skills
- Understanding tenant responsibilities
- Lack of hope/motivation



Affordable Housing Options

- Shared housing
- Special needs housing
 - HUD's definition of homeless
- Project-based Section 8
- Conventional w mgt agents
- Tax credit buildings
- Mom and Pop landlords



Treatment team approach

- Case manager
- Housing specialist
- Employment specialist
- Psychiatrist



- Substance abuse counselor
- Benefits specialist

Role of transitional housing—Tenant College

- To learn tenant responsibilities
- To manage income and make on-time rental payments
- To provide a landlord reference
- Can qualify for homeless housing programs if time-limited